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## FIRE AT ATLANTIC CITY

Half a Block of Buildings Swept Away This Morning.

Academy of Music, Bryn Mawr Hotel and Several Other Buildings Go Up in Flames.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., February 7.—A fire which originated in the Academy of Music this morning destroyed a half block of buildings, including the Bryn Mawr Hotel, valued at \$100,000 before being brought under control.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. Officer Robinson discovered smoke issuing from under the board walk in front of the Academy of Music. A general alarm was sent in, but before the engines arrived the Academy of Music was enveloped in flames.

The fire spread to Lapre's confectionery store, and there communicated to the rear of the Bryn Mawr Hotel.

The flames quickly spread to Bacharach's furniture store, Rutter's School of Phrenology, Myers' Photograph Gallery, the Gold Mine bath houses, Smith's rolling chair establishment and a portion of the viaduct piers on the board walk.

For a time it looked as if the Berkeley Hotel, the largest hotel on the Atlantic City beach, would surely be destroyed. The fire spread to the hotel and the building was thoroughly drenched.

The guests in the Berkeley Hotel hurriedly packed their clothing and prepared for a hasty exit from the building.

The floor of the big board walk for a distance of half a square was so badly damaged by the flames that it will have to be entirely rebuilt. The heaviest losers are:

Academy of Music, entirely destroyed; loss, \$20,000; insurance small; owned by Joseph Fralinger.

Lapre's confectionery store; loss, \$5,000.

Gold Mine bath; loss, \$1,000; owned by S. M. Gold.

Stewart McShea's household goods stored over the Academy; loss, \$2,000.

Bryn Mawr Hotel; loss, \$10,000.

Academy of Music; loss, \$20,000.

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## AT THE WHITE HOUSE

The President Fills the New York Judicial Vacancy.

A LARGE NUMBER OF POSTMASTERS Selection of the Successor to Collector Claggett.

GUARDSMEN COMMISSIONS

The President today sent the following nominations to the Senate:

Justice—Edward B. Thomas of New York to be United States district judge for the eastern district of New York. George G. Covell of Michigan, attorney of the United States for the western district of Michigan.

A. Oren Wheeler of Michigan, marshal of the United States for the western district of Michigan.

Treasurer—Wm. H. Powell of Illinois to be collector of internal revenue for the thirteenth district of Illinois. Christopher C. Wimshurst of Georgia to be surveyor of customs for the port of Atlanta, Ga.

To be collectors of customs—Henry T. Dunn of Georgia, for the district of Brunswick, Ga.; Joseph H. Short of Mississippi, for the Vicksburg district, Mississippi; Frank E. Lee of Texas, for the district of Galveston, Texas.

Postmasters—New York—Edwin V. Hard, Cobleskill; Fred C. Nagle, Dunkirk; John J. V. Conroy, Elmira; Nathan Van Wageningen, New Paltz; John Dwyer, Sandy Hill; Levi A. Shove, Brewster; R. Titus Conn, Albion; Robert M. Skillen, Akron; E. R. Holmes, New Berlin; O'Neil, Malone; Bryan S. Dayton, Middletown.

New Jersey—H. B. Rollinson, Rahway; Alfred R. Meier, Upper Montclair.

Pennsylvania—John W. Jones, Bangor; Henry S. Blatt, Ellwood City; Massachusetts—Charles L. Hammond, Fitchburg.

North Carolina—Ada Hunter, Kinston.

North Dakota—Emma C. Arnold, Larimore.

Michigan—Fred W. McCoy, Carrollton; John L. Sullivan, Saint Mary.

Oklahoma Territory—John B. Williams, Abilene; Kenneth McKenzie, Grotton.

Virginia—Wm. L. Mustard, Staunton; C. L. Dillon, Pulaski City; Charles T. Holtzman, Luray.

Wisconsin—James F. McCaskey, New Martinsville; James Gibson, Romey.

Washington—Wm. F. Gruetzmaier, Walla Walla; John C. Fawcett, Depere; John M. Reed, Dodgeville; Albert L. Ponton, Grand Rapids; Frank T. Brunk, Ellsworth; James P. Baker, Shell Lake.

Kentucky—Wm. L. Rogers, Ashland; James A. Deboe, Clinton; Clarence Mathews, Maysville; Frank M. Fisher, Paducah; S. C. Moore, Princeton; Lewis P. Petty, Shelbyville; Sherrod Stanfield, Williamsburg; Frederick A. Van Rensselaer, Owensboro.

Minnesota—George W. Jones, Imlay City; Wm. Baird, Marine City; George W. Emery, Hancock.

Minnesota—Samuel J. Gordon, Jr., Brown Valley; Andrew C. Cook, Cook; George B. Hughes, Redwood Falls; Stuart Bates, Virginia.

Montana—George W. Irwin, Butte; J. H. McKim, Helena.

Nebraska—John Peters, Albion; Alexander N. Thomas, Aurora; Tillie C. Buckley, Stromsburg; Leander M. Jewett, Broken Bow.

New Mexico—Artie E. Galloway, Silver City.

The Trip to Gettysburg.

Nearly all the members of the cabinet have accepted invitations to go to Gettysburg, Pa., May 30, to take part in the Memorial day celebration there. The President informally accepted an invitation a few days ago to Gettysburg.

Secretary of the cabinet, Mr. Claggett, thought that every member of the cabinet will make the trip. Many of them will take their families.

New Georgetown Collector.

Some time in April the President will nominate William B. Todd of this city to succeed George Claggett as collector of customs at Georgetown. Mr. Todd is a graduate of Harvard and has been practicing law here for years. Mr. Claggett claims that his term does not expire for more than a year. The President, it is said, considers that Mr. Claggett's term dates from the time W. H. Manogue was appointed. This would bring Mr. Claggett's term to a close in April next.

Prominent Visitors.

Secretary of Agriculture and Representative Walker, chairman of the banking and currency committee of the House, were to have a conference with the President this morning on the subject of proposed currency legislation, but Mr. Walker could not remain in the city and the President concluded an appointment and went away.

Secretary of State later talked with the President for a short time. Another cabinet officer who called during the day and saw the President was Attorney General Griggs.

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